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"16. The relationship of the number of close air support sorties flown per battalion of land forces to the number of sorties requested." (S)

STAG Comment: (TS) Each maneuver battalion is allocated 6 preplanned sorties per day. The battalion must place a formal request for these sorties by 1000 hours for next day's operation. In addition certain sorties are set aside for immediate air support requirements. One of the major problems is that battalions do not always know at 1000 hours today what they are going to do tomorrow and further many battalions are reluctant to turn back approved allocations. The AOC has the authority to reallocate when necessary, but this requires administrative time. Generally speaking records indicate that, at present, an engaged unit can get the air support it needs but may not get as much as it desires.

(See also STAG Comments to Areas 3 and 5.)

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